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I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I/we hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any United States provisional patent application, foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any United States provisional patent application, foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the above-identified application on which priority is claimed: This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Utility Application entitled, "Enhancement, Stabilization and Metallization of Porous silicon," having Serial No. 09/820,412, filed March 29, 2001, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference. This application claims priority to copending U.S. Provisional Application entitled, "Novel Sensitive Porous Silicon Gas Sensor", filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 10, 2001, and assigned Serial No. 60/328,583, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference.

I/we hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **NOT APPLICABLE.**

I/we hereby appoint all attorneys of Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley, LLP, who are listed under the USPTO Customer Number shown below as my/our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, recognizing that the specific attorneys listed under that Customer Number may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley, LLP, and request that all correspondence be addressed to the address filed under the same USTPO Customer Number.

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